Time after Pentecost



July 6, 2025
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10:30 am
Holy Communion

JULY 5/6, 2025
TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson, Presiding

> Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Preaching



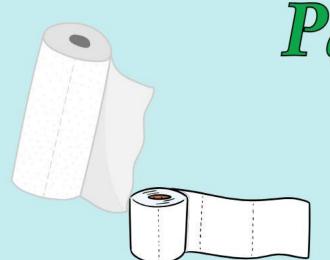


Gathering Music



Stacy Bean

S.A.F.E. Center Donations for July:



Paper Products
• Paper Towels
• Toilet Paper
• Kleenexes



Please put on the sharing shelf in the narthex.







JULY 14 - 17 & 20

WEEKDAYS 6:00pm - 8:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 20: 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE

VBS Takeover: 5th Lesson, Perform Songs, Party After



Check-In & Free-Will Donation Meal 5:15-5:50pm

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. Please sign up on the First Lutheran Church website,

Items needed for VBS are listed on the board in the Narthex.

or use the QR code.

You can bid on this beautiful quilt! Details on the Carol Joy Holling Website: www.CJHCenter.org



Quilt donated by: Judy Niemann

Auction will be: Saturday, July 26, 2025 Please Check Carol Joy Holling's website for updates.

Hymns of Faith

Learn the story behind our hymns!

An opportunity to learn more about our hymns will be offered on July 27th between services in Fellowship Hall.

Hymns for this session are:
"Amazing Grace (Your Chains are Gone)"
"How Great Thou Art"

If you worship at the early service, stay and learn about the background and hear the stories of some of our hymns. If you usually Worship at the late service come early and join the story.



First Lutheran's Habitat for **Humanity Work Day is** Saturday, August 2nd. Please sign up to help or serve/prepare food on the board in the Narthex.

Congregational Council Leadership:

President: PJ Bartels
Vice President: Scott Darveau
Secretary: Deb Schauer
Treasure: Lisa Parish

Greeting

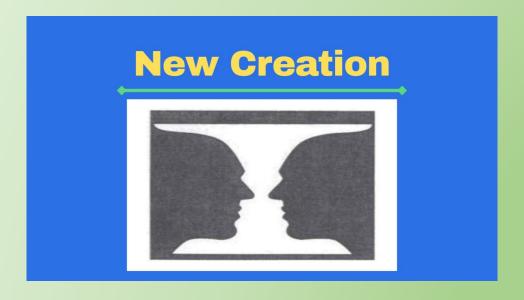
GREETING ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as "Peace be with you."



Worship Song

"Gather Us In" ELW 532



Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.



"Gather Us In", ELW 532

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.



We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.



Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.



"Gather Us In", ELW 532

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.



Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.



Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.



"Gather Us In", ELW 532

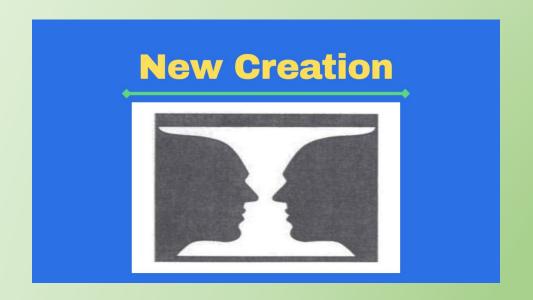
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Worship Song

"Beautiful One"



Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love. Your cross has spoken mercy over me. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know how glorious, how beautiful You are.



Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing



Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies, Your mighty works displayed for all to see. The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing: How marvelous, **New Creation** how wonderful You are.

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing



Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing



You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love; cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.



You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew, You captured my heart with this love; cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing



My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing,
Beautiful One.



My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing,
Beautiful One.



Beautiful One I love, Beautiful One I adore. Beautiful One, my soul must sing

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, author of the new creation, you are the one who shelters us and comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



Word: Galatians 6:1-16

Word

L: A reading from Galatians, the sixth chapter.



Word: Galatians 6:1-16

L: ¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



Word: Galatians 6:1-16

- ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.
- ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!



¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!



¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (*Galatians 6:1-16*)



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



P: ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to

¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."



¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"



¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.



²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

(Luke 10:1-11, 16-20)



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

Children's Offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund





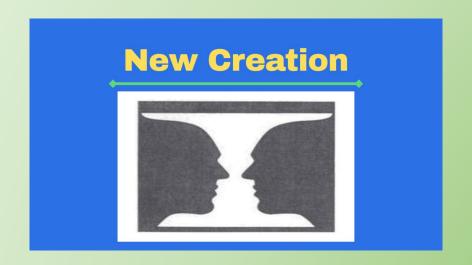
Sermon



SERMON Pastor Rick Carlson

Worship Song

"Mighty to Save"



Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.



Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.



So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now, I surrender.



Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.



Shine Your light and let the whole world see. we're singing for the glory Of the Risen King!



Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see. we're singing for the glory Of the Risen King!



Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.



"Mighty to Save"

Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered

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Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence for reflection.



L: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.



L: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste.



L: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people.



L: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.



L: As a caregiver comforts a child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain. Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. We pray especially for...



Skylar Marie Adams Jim Anderson Scott Bierman Bertha Boyer Vicki Buschelman **Gregory Carrico** Laura Clark Wayne Deterding

Terry Eirich **Bob Forbess** Leonard Fowler Tyler Freeland Randy Fritson Rocky Geiser Larry Giddings Kelsey Gronewold Emily McArthur

New Creation

Tom Meyer Eileen Richter Brent Roemmich Garth Scism Addison Sullivan **Tony Tauer**

Eunice Warner

Misty White

Dean Wiese

Miranda Wright



Prayers of comfort and peace for:

- Brian and Jordan Cochran and family on the death of Brian's mother, Mary Kay Cochran.
- David and Janet Dwiggins on the death of David's father, Daniel Dwiggins.



Prayers of Intercession

L: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. C: Amen.



Meal

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Interlude Music Stacy Bean

Communion Servers,
Please come forward at this time.



Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.



In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.



P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.



Offertory Prayer

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



The Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.

Communion Music Interlude Stacy Bean

New Creation



Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



Sending of Communion

L: Let us pray.

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick and homebound.



Sending of Communion

May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. C: Amen.



Sending Song

"This is Amazing Grace"



Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of Glory the King above all kings



Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of Glory the King above all kings



(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free



Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me



Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory



Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings



Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave



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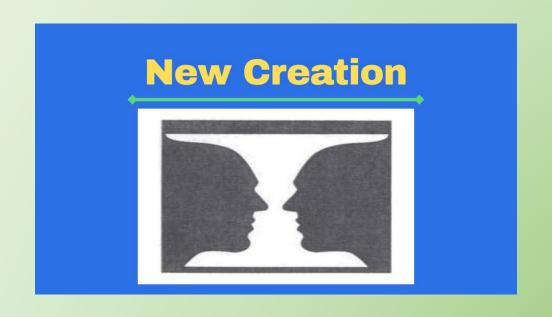
Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



Postlude



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